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THE CHAPEL



RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

CATHOLIC MASS**CHAPEL** Sunday 8:00 A.M.**RECREATION ROOM—****Old Hospital** Sunday 10:15 A.M.**DAILY MASS** Chapel 7:30 A.M.**Confessions before each Mass****PROTESTANT SERVICES****BIBLE CLASS—Chapel**..... Sunday 9:30 A.M.**CHAPEL** Sunday 10:00 A.M.**CHAPEL** Sunday 7:30 P.M.**RECREATION ROOM—****Old Hospital** Sunday 9:00 A.M.**RECREATION ROOM—****Old Hospital** Sunday 5:30 P.M.**CHAPEL** Wednesday 7:30 P.M.**RECREATION ROOM—****Old Hospital** Wednesday 5:30 P.M.

Religious services are also held every Sunday morning at the Medical Department Enlisted Technicians' School, in the Assembly Hall, 11:00 A.M.

FROM CHAPLAIN THOMAS:

"The complement of the hospital has a Catholic chaplain. He administers the Sacraments and conducts services for patients and personnel of the Catholic faith.

"The services on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation include the celebration of Holy Mass, with sermon, confession, and Holy Communion. These services are conducted in the attractive new chapel next to the New Hospital.

"The daily service in the chapel consists of Holy Mass, and prayers for the armed forces. Those who so desire may go to confession and communion at this Mass also.

"A service is held each Sunday and Holy Day in the recreation room at the Old Hospital.

"Patients who cannot go to the chapel for services or the Sacraments, may have the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion administered to them at their bedside at any time by appointment.

"The chaplain holds himself available to those who wish to seek his counsel, direction, and advice. He is always eager to assist in any way possible that will rightly dispose a patient and help him on the way to recovery, by encouraging him, and quieting his fears, and relieving him of worry which may hinder his progress.

"In the administration of the Sacraments, in preaching, in the thousand circumstances of daily life, in the hospital, and on the fort, the chaplain comes in contact with souls beloved of Christ. Each one of these especially, and all others besides, he tries to love and serve as Christ had done. With such an ideal, no labor can be great enough; no sacrifice too severe.

"To be all things to all men by service was the ideal of St. Paul. It is the achievement of Christ. It is the ardent wish of the chaplain."

—Chaplain Andrew W. Thomas.



"... a man who keeps his mind occupied and his hands busy always gets well more quickly ..."



For Liberty . . . Buy Bonds!

Patients of B. G. H. are invited to learn

LINOLEUM BLOCK WORK

at our

**Occupational Therapy Shop No. III
West Wing "Old" Hospital**

(Call Information Office, 4441,
Main Building, New Hospital, for
bus schedule to Old Hospital)

Brooke General Hospital invites its patients to take up linoleum block work for printing plates such as shown on this page. These make most effective pictures when framed.

Materials are furnished without cost to patients and instructions are very easy to follow. A supervisor is on hand at all times to aid with the progress of this new and fascinating work, and designs when finished, may be printed on the printing press located in the same shop (No. III). Shop open 7 days a week, 8:15 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m.

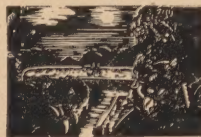
Lineoleum blocks on this page were done by the following patients of Brooke General Hospital:

Lt. F. L. Young
of Kansas City, Kansas

Sgt. Albert J. Budritz
of Chicago, Illinois

Pvt. Arthur L. Cooney
of New Castle, Indiana

Pvt. F. Acosta
of Lordsburg, New Mexico



DECORATIONS at BROOKE

The following Decorations were recently made to patients of Brooke General Hospital. Each was personally presented by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of the hospital.

SILVER STAR



This decoration is given "for gallantry in action." Awarded for distinguished service in combat since 6 December 1941. The ribbon has a central stripe in red flanked by white and navy stripes in turn flanked with narrow white and navy stripes. Awarded to the following:

PRIVATE JOSEPH P. JOJOLA, Infantry of Mescalero, New Mexico, who "during landing operations against the island of Sicily, at Licata, the leading elements of his company were advancing across an open field from the beach, when an enemy machine gun, which was dug in and well concealed, opened heavy fire on the company, causing them to deploy and seek cover. Pvt. Jojola, realizing the danger of the situation, on his own initiative and without orders crawled forward, skillfully using the little cover available, through heavy machine gun fire to the position occupied by the enemy. Disregarding the great danger to himself he moved to a location from which he could throw hand grenades into the emplacement. He succeeded in destroying the resistance, allowing the company to continue its advance." Presented the Silver Star on 25 April 1944.



PURPLE HEART

For wounds received in action against the enemy. Also awarded posthumously. The ribbon is royal purple, edged with narrow white. Awarded to the following:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT L. KOERNER, Elkins, West Virginia. Wounded 14 February, 1944, during a patrol mission on the beach near Anzio, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 18 April, 1944.

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN B. SCOTT, of Nashville, Tennessee. Wounded 6 December 1943 at Pozzilli, Italy, by fragment from an enemy shell striking his leg. Presented Purple Heart 18 April, 1944.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KENNETH W. BARNES, of Sturgeon, Missouri. Wounded 30 July 1943 at Munda, New Georgia by a Jap sniper prior to an Infantry push. Presented Purple Heart on 18 April 1944.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ELIAS VALDEZ, of Eagle Pass, Texas. Wounded 15 December 1943 at San Pedro, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 25 April 1944.

PRIVATE BEN L. FERGUSON, of San Antonio, Texas. Wounded 5 November 1943 at Capriati, Italy. Presented Purple Heart on 25 April 1944.

5th WAR LOAN DRIVE to Open in June

**INVASION
IS
EVERYONE'S JOB!
FOLLOW THROUGH
WITH MORE
PURCHASES
OF
WAR SAVINGS BONDS!**

**Plans Under Way Now To Speed Purchases
of Bonds in America's 5th
War Loan Drive**

With the Fifth War Loan Drive only a little more than a month off, already War Bond Officers of several installations in the Eighth Service Command including Brooke General Hospital are drawing up plans for launching a successful campaign. At Glennan General Hospital, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, the War Bond Office is looking ahead on publicity plans. From McCloskey at Temple, Texas, has come an original poster idea, drawn by members of the Medical Detachment there. Other War Bond Officers have been asked to submit ideas to the Eighth Service Command. (Continued on Page 7)



BGH Flower Entry Wins Blue Ribbon At Woman's Club Flower Show

The above floral centerpiece entered for Brooke General Hospital by Mrs. Geo. C. Beach, wife of the Commanding General, won a blue ribbon at the recent flower show held at the Menger Hotel. The design of the entry was arranged by Mrs. J. W. Winter, wife of Lt. Col. Winter of Brooke, and Mrs. F. C. Shute, wife of Major Shute of Brooke.

The flower show is sponsored by the Woman's Club of San Antonio and has been a feature of Fiesta Week for the past 30

years. It is always presented in connection with the Fiesta Association, but since the war, the elaborate fiesta festivities have been postponed.

This year the flower show had as its chairman, Mrs. John Thrall of 526 Pershing avenue.

The flower entry shown above arranged in a huge Mexican "Siesta" hat consisted of rose snapdragons, purple larkspur and fern grown in Brooke General Hospital's own greenhouse.

SPECIAL WESTERN UNION TELEPHONES NOW INSTALLED AT BROOKE

On Monday, 24 April, two coin telephones were installed for patients, military and civilian personnel at B. G. H. to send Western Union telegrams—one in the Receiving Section Building No. 1028 and one in the Information Office, Old Hospital. In the near future, there will also be other such boxes installed in the various annexes of Brooke.

Heretofore when telegrams were sent this was handled through the Record Office, but now all one has to do is go to one of these special Western Union Telephones, pick up the receiver and immediately a Western Union Operator will answer. This will save time as it will not be necessary for the individual to go to town to the Western Union or will not have to call on the Red Cross for this service. This service is in addition to the sending and receiving of money orders. Patients and per-

sonnel of B. G. H. may transmit money to any point in the U. S.

When money orders are received here, the Western Union Office will call Mr. Larkin in the Patient's Trust Fund and he will in turn give the money to the recipient.

From Jeanette Fry of Brooke General Hospital's Civilian Personnel Office comes the following contribution:

"The Civilian Personnel Office mails a Form 1992 to each applicant on a Civil Service Certificate which informs them they are to be considered for the designated position. These forms are returned by mail when the applicant declines the job. We have had many and varied reasons for declining a job but the prize still goes to the lady who sent the following harassed sounding refusal just after "rationing" went into effect:

"I am sorry to refuse the job you offered me but what with Gas Ration-

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NEWS from the Army Nurse Corps

By 1st Lt. Bertha M. Connolly, A. N. C.



NEW FIRST LIEUTENANT AT REID HALL

When the "gold" turns to "silver," it's time for CONGRATULATIONS to the following nurses who have recently been promoted to the rank of FIRST LIEUTENANT:

MARGARET SCHMIDT, San Antonio, Texas

NINA BASHAM, Gatesville, Texas

VERA DOLF—Apache, Oklahoma

MARY HENDRIXSON—Marietta, Ohio

MARGARET SHAUGHNESY — Sioux City, Iowa

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Wednesday evening, 12 April 1944, a steak roast was in full swing at Salada Park, in honor of Ann Walatkus, and Vera Dolf, who have since left our staff.

Everyone had a gay time and from the food to the impromptu entertainment, it was a tremendous success. There's really nothing to equal being entertained by things that just pop up. Who would have guessed that those nineteen months in Hawaii would bring out the Hula-Hula in our Drill Sgt. Peggy. How Madam Mystic crashed the gates with her "Ouija Board" remains to be seen—and the things that Ouija Board said!

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Tuesday, 18 April 1944, Lt. Walatkus and Lt. Dolf left for Ft. Bliss, Texas, where Lt. Walatkus will be Principal Chief Nurse. We hope those A.N.C.'s at Ft. Bliss realize how fortunate they are. Good luck, Ann and Vera.

The living room of Reid Hall pinch-hit, Monday night, 17 April, 1944, for the Little Church Around the Corner—well, that's all right because the entire wedding was merely a rehearsal, with the prospective bride in the audience rather than at the altar. We just had to show Barbara McLaughlin one way of doing it!

It seems however, that it wasn't too disillusioning because Lt. McLaughlin, left 20 April, 1944, for Roswell, New Mexico, with matrimony definitely the topmost thought in mind. The lucky bridegroom is Lt. Robert Mietzen, who is stationed at

Roswell, New Mexico. We do wish you all the happiness and success in your newest venture, Barbara.

Did everyone enjoy the dance at the Club, Friday, 14 April 1944? We sincerely hope so. It was Lt. Walatkus's final contribution to the A.N.C. of Brooke General Hospital. To her we extend our heartiest thanks! Also to Lt. Kiobassa who was definitely responsible for that added touch! Possibly in the not too far off future, we may be able to repeat the occasion.

And incidentally, you may now address Miss Ann Walatkus, ANC, as Captain Walatkus.

ANC NEWS FROM THE OLD HOSPITAL

The old Nurses Quarters has taken on a new dress since our new chief, Major Ruhan has been with us. Everyday is a fresh surprise—new lamps, chairs and even the Coffee Room has blossomed out with new gala colored luncheon cloths:

THREE CHEERS FOR MAJOR RUHAN!!

* * *

Everyone is glad to see our little "Jerry" back with us since her recent tonsilectomy at the New Hospital.

We can just see Kathleen Grogan having fun in Chicago. This is only the third time she has told the "Navy" good-bye.

What is this we hear about losing our WAC officer, Helen Barr, to the New Hospital? Our loss—their gain. We'll miss all those fancy bridge games, Helen. Come back and see us often.

Our swimming pool is open—the Basic Training Class has been taking advantage of it. The rest of us are just luxuriating.

We miss Lt. Clymer and Lt. Glass who are just completing their Basic Training Class at the New Hospital. We hope the soft water at Reid Hall isn't too much of an inducement to keep them there.

The following turned up under the glass on Capt. Macias' desk in the operating room. The original copy looked a bit worn

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NEWS FROM THE ARMY NURSE CORPS CONTINUED

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and gave you the impression that it had been really lived by—I think it's pretty good myself, what do you think?

Be good but not too good, a little naughty but not too naughty

Say a prayer if you feel that way. Say damn if it gives you consolation.

Be kind to the world always, if you must be unkind, smash right and left and get it over with.

Smile, always smile. Have a smile ready even though it sometimes hurts.

Grab all the happiness you can wherever and whenever you can. Don't let even a little slip pass you.

Live, above all things live. Don't simply exist.

If you are blessed enough to know what real love is, love with all your heart, soul, and body.

Live so that any hour you will be able to shake hands with yourself and try to accomplish at least one thing worthwhile each day, then when your nights come you will be able to pull up the covers and say, "I have done my best."

BGH Banter

From Civilians at BGH

Wonder who Miss "O" is trying to "trip" these days? Have you noticed that new "up-swept" hair-do and those crisp white flowers? Take it easy, Adrienne!

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Did you ever know anyone who could be so gentle, kind, sweet and thoughtful, as Mrs. Boaz of Civilian Personnel? More power to you Pearl, in boosting the Civilian Morale!

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If anyone wishes to know the reason why Pvt. Clifford Wood, on duty here at our hospital mess, is going around these days with a big head and expanded chest—it's because his brother-in-law, Sgt. Ira Muse has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and five Oak Leaf Clusters since going to England last October as an aerial gunner.

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If you think you're seeing double when you drop in the "Lab," don't be alarmed—it's just the Handsome Hesser twins, Charles and Frank. Wonder if we'll ever learn to distinguish them? (I doubt it, I doubt it!)

" TO A SAHAGENT "

I wish I was a wittle egg
As wotten as could be,
I'd sit myself upon a limb,
Away up in a twee
And when some bonehead sahgent
Would start to shout at me,
I'd frow my wotten wittle self
And splatter he with me.

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We would like to express our thanks to the Public Relations Officers of the Oliver General Hospital and to the Ashford General Hospital for their congratulations extended to the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast on its initial publication.

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His wife was a WAVE, and he waved at a WAC

The WAC was in front, but his WAVE was in back,
Instead of a wave from a WAC, it is said.
What he got was a wack from the WAVE he had wed.

—"G. I. Muse"

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mand, many of which might be valuable for general use, "for it is this kind of team work which gets results," the War Bond Officer of the Eighth Service Command, remarked.

REMEMBER!

Mrs. Beatrice Bruck in Major Meyers' Office, issues War Savings Bonds at any time you want to invest in them.

—Post Personnel Office.

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ing, Food Rationing and Shoe Rationing I am too busy."

"The title of this anecdote might be 'Already Employed by the Government' . . . or the applicant might have made that statement as her refusal.

ED'S NOTE: Thank you, Jeanette, for your compliments about the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast. We're going to do our best to keep the publication on a high standard.

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USO-CAMP SHOW, Unit No. 211, "What's Buzzin,'" will play at Brooke General Hospital on May 19. Presented without admission charge to servicemen at Brooke.



22 Civilians Give Their Blood To Save The Lives of Our Men at the Front

For appointment at the Blood Bank dial 3050 and ask for Mrs. Zander

Left to right, front row above: Gertrude E. McCommas, Mary L. Cardenas, Paula Reynolds, Virginia E. Albright, Wattie Sikes and Eileen L. Pickering. Left to right, back row: Raoul M. Garcia, Manuel S. Figueroa, Victor O. Garcia, James G. Coulter, William J. Kretzer, Felix M. Sandlin, Ascencion Ruiz, Esteban D. Rivas, Joseph Feldstein and John G. Saroz.

The following also went to the Blood Bank 21 April, but did not appear in the picture: Ruth Eldridge, Kaye Enos, Marie Lehman, William R. Lee, John Faz and B. P. Guillen.

36 CIVILIANS WIN AWARDS FOR 6 MONTHS CONSECUTIVE SERVICE

The following civilians were awarded the six-month service ribbon and certificate effective 5 April 1944, for six months or more service with the government: Sterling Allen, Jr.; Elizabeth M. Roberts, John E. Doubrava, Louise B. Weise, Mary C. Adams, Mary F. Hughes, Daphne D. Neal, John S. Faz, Lillie Mae Grayer, Bertha G. Morrison, Jose Vivier, Lillie B. Shelton, Camilla L. Aaron, Abie Grady, Sr.; Martha M. Bryant, Dorothy L. Phillabaum, Juanita Johnson, Adele Weisberg, and Ida T. Bailey.

On 10 April 1944, the following awards were made to: Christine Pleasants, Richard D. Coker, Charlotte A. Campbell, Mercedes A. Buegler, Virginia E. Albright, Wilford Lamouraux, Josephine Ibarra, Alice L.

Phillips, Gentry F. Taylor, Willette F. Reams, Ima O. Marshall, Helen P. Kraus, Ervin Walters, T. G. Williams, Lois M. Ferguson, Jesse A. Dullnig and Doris Simmons.

HAVE YOU GIVEN BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS BANK?

The following names make the "Honor Roll" this time:

Ruth Eldridge	8 times
Wanda E. Detlefs	6 times
Dorothy E. Gilligan	6 times
Eleanor C. Payne	5 times
John G. Saroz	5 times
Anna C. Williams	5 times
Virginia A. Albright	4 times
Kaye Enos	4 times
Ruth Haynes	4 times
Helen T. Kuhl	4 times
Bonnie Forrest	4 times

The following have gone three times to the Blood Bank: Constance Alexander, Juanita Bartlett, Mollie Blout, Ragna F. Bryant, Donald E. Coker, Stanley Gibson, Virginia A. Pride, P. D. Rivas, Dorothy Rippl, Magdalene Schnupp, Betty Sheridan, Martha L. Kriger and Angelina E. Talton.

... Physical Therapy News ...

By CAPTAIN ELSIE KURANER, PTA

Welcome Lt. Eva Gere, newly assigned P.T. from William Beaumont General Hospital.

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Just received word that two members of B.G.H. Class I, Lt. Mary Madgett and Lt. Rosie Nicks, met in New Guinea. Also have heard from Lt. Perrie Ling in Australia and Lt. Norma Seither in England.

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Flash! The Brunneman home was the scene of a big barbecue Saturday night, April 8th. We were honored by the presence of Col. Harding. Major Ruhan and Capt. Borg, of the A.N.C. Members of departing Class IV sang this song:

Miss "K" has taught us our massage, parley voo;
Glenora taught us exercise, parley voo;
Miss Green has kept up on the beam
'Til all our patients had to scream,
Hinky, dinky, parley voo.

Elenor had us making plinths, parley voo;
And Ruthie passed out all the mints, parley voo;

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WHAT IS IT?

Maj. Blair calls is a "Thousand Dollar Bath Tub." Maj. Patterson wants to use it for his goldfish. The P.T. Department calls it a Hubbard Tank and puts patients in it!

Actually, this tank, pictured above, is a combination of two methods used in Physical Therapy, heat and therapeutic exercise. Types of cases treated in Hubbard Tanks are acute and chronic arthritis, polio and serious fracture cases.

Anyone intertested in viewing the Hubbard Tank may come down to the P.T. Department in Annex II. Guests welcome!

Mrs. Brunneman gave us all our tests
But we still think she's among the best,
Hinky, dinky, parley voo.

We worked like slaves for six full months,
parley voo,
And all we got was 13 bucks, parley voo,
We did our best to be P.T.'s
And all developed the D.T.'s,
Hinky, dinky, parley voo.

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And now we face the great unknown, parley voo,
And to the four winds we'll be blown, parley voo,
To Old Ft. Sam we'll say goodbye
And at each parting we will sigh—

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind,
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of auld lang syne."



Private Floyd McCain of Fort, Worth, Texas, tries out the Hubbard Tank and Miss Eleanor B. Hayes (2nd Lt. P.T.) of Greenville, Ill., demonstrates how exercises are given with this new Physical Therapy aid in Annex II.

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NOTES from ANNEX IV **Convalescent Retraining Unit**



DANCE AT LA VILLITA HUGE SUCCESS

The Convalescent Retraining Unit held the first of a series of outdoor dances in the patio of La Villita on April 11th. An excellent crowd turned out for the occasion and from all indications everyone had a swell time. The Fort Sam Houston Cannoneers rendered

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their usual excellent music and local San Antonio talent contributed other entertainment.

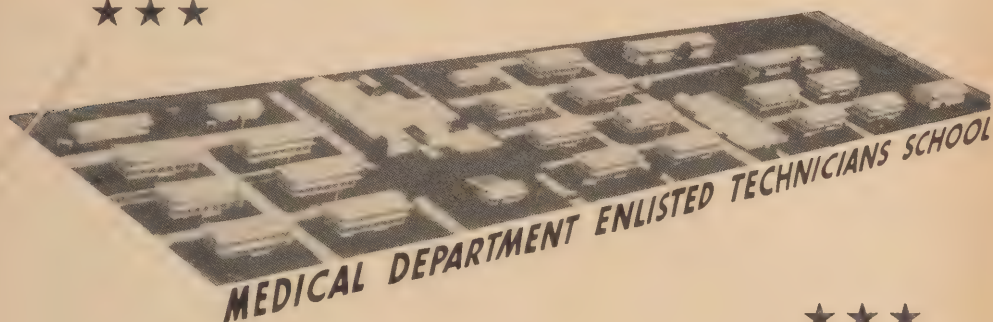
Above: A "handful" of the merry-makers who attended the Convalescent Dance at La Villita, taking it easy after jitterbug dancing. Right, shows a small portion of the early line up clamoring for the very fine lunch which was served at 10 p. m. Honor guests were

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Major and Mrs. Wilkinson, Captain Brophy, Lt. and Mrs. Fabian, Lt. and Mrs. Bosco, Lt. and Mrs. Garcia, and Lt. Kovacs.

In the lower picture are members of the entertainment committee who gave much of their own time to make the evening a successful one, Pfc. Deleanardo, Lucky Venden, Jean Hendricks, Pfc. Guarnieri, Thelma Niles, Cpl. Calvin Dick, Pfc. Manuel Russo and Lupe Martin. A vote of thanks is extended herewith to Mr. MacGruder, manager of La Villita, for his very fine cooperation in helping to make the dance the success it was.



MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICIANS SCHOOL



The formal arrival of spring found the personnel of MDETS all decked out in khaki, freshly pressed and with brass and leather all polished at inspection on the fifteenth of April. Our spring flowers were "peppered" by the recent hail, but there are some fresh blossoms to make it really seem like spring once more, and in keeping with the season, "Mother" Ball at Headquarters had "her" dust cap on and was directing a corps of gremlins in giving the Command Post a real "G.I." polish.

Swimming trunks are in evidence again and soon the pool in our area will be one of the busiest places on the post.



"No, Private Jones! Those are NOT the contours I meant!"

Spring training at MDETS means more outdoor activity, and already the permanent (?) cadre is undergoing an intensive training program, map reading and over-night bivouacs! Bring on my bedding roll, mess kit, and "chigger" lotion.

The school was honored Monday, 24 April, by a visit by Major John W. Graves, M. C. from the Surgeon General's Office in Washington. Major Graves, a former

classmate of Lt. Col. Clifford C. Taylor, Director of the X-Ray Section, was here on a technical training inspection.

PERSONALS

Congratulations, although a bit late, are extended to Captain and Mrs. John H. Benedict upon the arrival of a son, John Howard, Jr., 7½ pounds, born March 31, 1944.

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Pfc. Hulin Carlton, Headquarters Company, is beginning to look like a soldier again, and has settled back to his regular job after a two-week visit by his wife from Baltimore, Maryland.

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S/Sgt. Edwin (Bring 'Em Back Alive) Matjestic has returned from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, after a successful trip.

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Two lucky furlough men are Cpl. Herbert Perkins, Company Clerk of Company "A," and S/Sgt. Curtiss R. Voelkel, with fifteen days each. Cpl. Perkins is visiting home, and Sgt. Voelkel is spending his fifteen days at Oldenberg, and Wiemar, Texas.

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First Lt. Ira K. Karns has returned from a ten-day emergency leave.

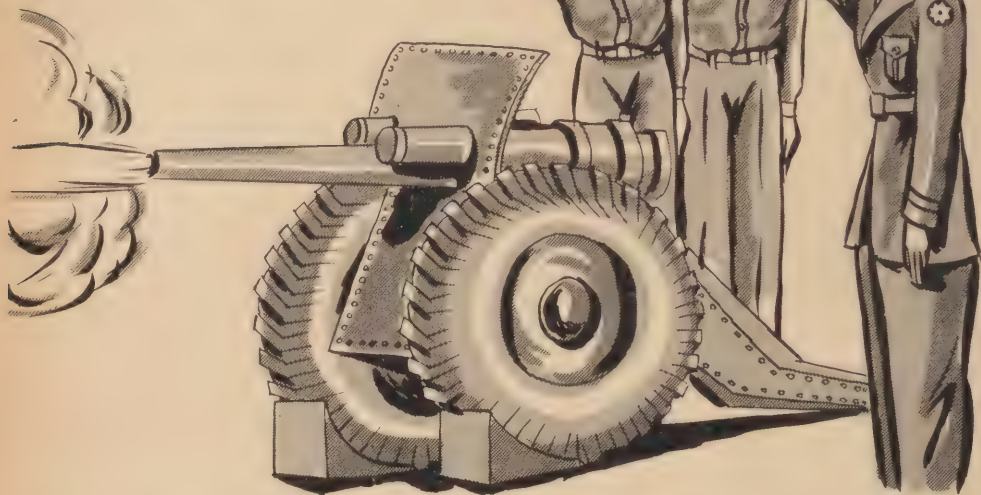
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All of Company "A" is wondering just why S/Sgt. "Crock" Murray, Personnel Sgt. Major, missed chow the night we had chili.

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What First Sergeant's azimuth was dragging after returning from Post Number 5 on the map problem last week? He had a difficult time trying to convince a certain Texas Rancher (?) that he was looking for grid coordinates and not a quart — of fresh milk!

★ MEDICAL DETACHMENT MUSINGS ★

**A Salute To Our
First Sergeant****A-1 IN THE ARMY . . .
"OUR TOP KICK"**

We are very fortunate in having for a First Sergeant, M/Sgt. Grady Walker. Sgt. Walker is by no means a recruit. He first joined the army in 1925 and has had duty in the Panama Canal Zone. Sgt. Walker has been First Sergeant at B.G.H. since May, 1942, and has the admiration of both the Officers and enlisted men in this organization. His energy, tact and zeal shown in the discharge of his duties as First Sergeant is exceptionally dominant. By his intense initiative, industrious application and his intelligent handling of all his assignments he has definitely proven his value to this organization. His keen foresight, memory and judgement is outstanding. He is very conscientious of his duties at all times and it is no idle statement that he is on duty 24 hours each day. We repeat, we are very fortunate in having Grady Walker as our First Sergeant.

The above art contribution done expressly for the First Sergeant of the Medical Detachment of Brooke General Hospital is by Pvt. Paul Suddath, also of the Medical Detachment . . . just in case you all should ask—he forgot to sign his name to it!

As you will note, a new cartoonist has contributed his talent to this issue of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast. His name is Sgt. "Chick" Anderson and his sketch is shown below. More of his cartoons will be most acceptable in future issue of this publication.



**Car wreck? Naw.
He came into the
First Aid with a bad
cold!**

By Sgt. "Chick" Anderson



Flower Tribute to T-Sgt. Jack Dane

OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH—JACK DANE

It was at New York in February 1919 that T/Sgt. Jack Dane enlisted for the Quartermaster Corps and by 1920 was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he attended the Cooks' and Bakers' School, graduating as an Instructor. He stayed on duty in this school until his transfer to the Station Hospital in 1924, where he was assigned as Head Cook and Assistant to the Mess Sgt. of the Detachment Mess. In 1941, he was promoted to Mess Sgt. and placed in charge of the Detachment Messes No. 3 and 9, where he is still performing these duties.

Sgt. Dane is in charge of all the Dances, Picnics and entertainments, just as he was at the Cooks and Bakers School. As a Cook, Sgt. Dane was considered one of the best in the Army and as a Mess Sgt. has carried the same reputation. We are proud to say that he is one of our most conscientious workers here at the hospital and having such a pleasing personality and pleasant disposition, there is no question as to why he is so well liked by all who come in contact with him.

Serving more than 25 years in his un-

Hydrangea Plant Sent Sgt. Dane and Members of the Detachment as an Easter Greeting

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Weatherford of Houston, Texas, recently visited their son, Private James W. Weatherford, Jr., who is a member of the Medical Detachment. They were so pleased with the excellent treatment their son is receiving here at Brooke General Hospital that they expressed a wish to show their appreciation.

The greeting arrived in time for Easter—a beautiful hydrangea plant with seven exquisite clusters of blossoms! It was addressed to T/Sgt. Jack Dane of Mess No. 3 and to members of the Medical Detachment.

Many friends of Brooke have paid tribute to Jack Dane for the energy, tact and zeal shown in the discharge of his duties, but none touched Sgt. Dane as deeply as the gift of the beautiful hydrangea plant.

cle's Army, Sgt. Dane has also had a "fling" at the movies. He will be remembered in the recent film made at this hospital, "Soldiers In White," as doing more than his share of K.P., being one of the best potato peelers in the army.



BROOKE SPORTS



By S/Sgt. William C. McGinnis
and Pvt. N. J. Weiss

B. G. H. SOFTBALL

TEAM UNDEFEATED

Brooke General Hospital is still one of the two undefeated softball teams in San Antonio. It has defeated Moonglow 7 to 3, 156th Hqds. Bakery 12 to 10, YMCA 16 to 0, and Richter's Bakery 23 to 0. To date, the BGH team has scored a total of 94 runs against its oppositions' 15.

OFFICERS' TEAM

LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Lt. Colonel Lee K. Emenhiser, manager of the BGH Officers' softball team announces a tentative line-up for his club:

CATCHER.....	2nd Lt. Arthur A. Silke
PITCHER.....	Lt. Col. Aubrey S. McGee
1st BASE.....	Capt. Robert H. Pickel, Jr. and W/O Ross O. Urban
2nd BASE.....	Maj. John L. Houston
3rd BASE.....	1st Lt. James E. Mance
SHORT FIELD.....	Maj. G. K. Smith
SHORT STOP.....	Maj. Albert O. Loiselle
LEFT FIELD.....	Maj. Martin L. Towler
CENTER FIELD.....	Maj. Thomas E. Smith
RIGHT FIELD.....	Lt. Col. Harbert Davenport

This club recently defeated the FSH Post Dental Officers' team by a score of 16 to 3. Colonel Emenhiser's team will play twice a week; the night games being played at Lions Field and the day games being played on the BGH Detachment diamond. This club boasts two pitchers, namely, Colonel McGee and Major G. K. Smith. It is rumored that Lt. James Mance is a remarkable all-around player. Lt. Silke is also showing up to good advantage as a catcher. With a little more practice this team should be very good—and difficult to defeat.

CONVALESCENT

COMMANDOS COME THRU

As the curtain goes up on the 1944 Big League Baseball season we feel it timely to devote this column to a ball club not of big league calibre or skill, but a favorable match in spunk, spirit and sportsmanship.

We make reference to the Brooke Gen-

eral Hospital Convalescent Commandos, a team comprised of Patients, overseas and otherwise. Of eleven games played against organized clubs the Commandos have been victorious in nine. Playing their first league game Tuesday night, under the sponsorship of the USO-ARMY, NAVY, YMCA LEAGUE, THE BOYS nosed out the powerful Trinity University team to the tune of 7 to 6.

Private Russo, possessor of the Purple Heart, who used to bat Japs around the islands, is now batting the old ball around with equal vigor. Russo, former Southern Association star, was the hero of Tuesday night's tilt with a grand slam homer that accounted for four runs. Pitcher Corporal Torres has started and finished each of the eleven games. Local experts agree that Torres is one of the finest Softball pitchers seen in these parts.

The team is capably managed by Corporal Bennie Reando. It is supported by Athletic Officer, Captain Deragisch. Due to the rapid turnover of patients, it will be difficult to maintain a steady line-up. "But," states Captain Deragisch, "any team we put on the diamond will be a hustling, spirited group."

Most of the team's scheduled games are at the Unit diamond. These games prove to be a great morale tonic to the Unit and the patients turn out 'en masse' to root their team to victory.

SPORTS TOPICS FROM THE ENLISTED MEN'S SCHOOL

The MDETS snapped out of its losing streak in the Fort Sam Houston softball league Thursday, 20 April, by defeating the 35th Medical Depot 18 to 3. Sabgash allowed only six scattered hits throughout the game. The time was one hour, thirty-nine minutes.

In the second game of the evening the school continued to remain in the cellar in the downtown USO league by a defeat from the 620th Signal Corps, by a score of 18 to 9. Our five run rally in the seventh inning fell short of the required amount of runs.

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His Mother's Voice

By PVT. ERNEST FECKTER
Ward 33, "Old" Hospital

Butch lay concealed in the protective shadows and lush, green undergrowth of the tropical jungles with a cynical grin on his face that reflected his thoughts.

Fine thing, he thought, here I am, surrounded by Japs, a rabbit in a trap, the prey of beasts—he'd read that some place and thought it a very good way to express a fighting Yank caught in a cunning Jap trap—and all I can think of is the urgency of the determined look on my mother's face and her sharp bitey parting words. A guy can't forget those kind of words nor the look on her face. If only I had something to fight with, he thought sardonically, a machine gun, a B.A.R., or even a rifle would help.

Butch had read a lot and tried to recall just what a fighting Yank should do when he found himself defenseless, trapped, at the mercy of the little yellow—brothers. Try as he would, Butch could find no opening in the trap into which he had so unwittingly walked. He knew darkness was his ally, that it would be possible to crawl out under cover of the inky blackness of the jungle night, but his mother's voice came back to him, ringing in his ears, making him restless, anxious to get going. No, he couldn't wait until the sun dipped into the deep, blue Pacific water. He must act now.

Slowly, noiselessly, Butch crouched his feet beneath him in preparation to bolt across the clearing.

Butch froze. Had he heard the click of a hostile rifle?—Silence—mere silence. Perhaps a twig had snapped beneath the weight of some prowling jungle animal.

Driven by thoughts of his mother, Butch cast all caution aside—even the laws of self-preservation and dashed into the clearing and raced in the direction of his own lines.

Rifles cracked all around him and bullets whined as they whipped by him, dangerously close.

Unmindful of the danger, Butch, running, kept thinking of his mother's parting words, "Young man, if you don't come directly home from school tonight and change your clothes before you play soldier, I'll have your father take you out in the woodshed."

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The Editor and Staff of the Brooke Bluebonnet Broadcast extend their thanks and

congratulations to Private Ernest Feckter who wrote "His Mother's Voice." The story is excellently composed, fast moving and worthy of commendation. We hope that Pvt. Feckter will extend us the privilege of publishing more of his literary accomplishments.

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CONVALESCENT NEWS BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

65 MEN ATTEND BOXING MATCHES AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

By Sgt. J. Gottlieb

On Monday, April 8, 1944, 65 men of this unit were guests of the Policeman's Benefit Boxing Matches, and enjoyed everyone of the twenty bouts, from their ringside seats. The men would like to thank the stranger who bought each one of them a "coke", and also Lt. Fabian, Special Service Officer of the Convalescent Unit and Mr. Sam Slotsky of San Antonio, Texas, for the invitation to attend this affair.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 60 men of the Convalescent Unit were guests of the Texas AAF at the Amateur Boxing Bouts at the Municipal Auditorium. Invitations were extended by Mr. Finch, Jr., who was the tournament director.

CONVALESCENT UNIT GUESTS AT KANSAS CITY MONARCHS VS. CINCINNATI ETHIOPIAN CLOWNS NIGHT BASEBALL GAME

Wednesday, April 19, 60 men of this Unit were guests of Mr. Lorenza Cobb, who sponsored the above mentioned game, played at Tech Field, San Antonio, Texas. The game was one of the first in a series of three night baseball games to be played at Tech Field. The other two games were scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Mr. Cobb graciously extended invitations to 60 men of this Unit for each of the games.

AMATEUR RADIO STARS APPEAR AT CONVALESCENT UNIT AUDITORIUM

Monday, April 17, inaugurated a new type of variety show for the men of this Convalescent Unit. Amateur performers who appear each Sunday over KMAC will be invited to appear the following Monday. Master of Ceremonies for the show will be Sgt. Joey Gottlieb, an ex-vaudevillian, who together with Mr. Smythe of KMAC have made this program possible.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.



CORPORAL HENRY NAGE SPEAKS BEFORE RED CROSS MEETING

Corporal Henry Nage, patient at Brooke General Hospital, was enthusiastically received at the monthly meeting of the Red Cross held in the Red Cross Auditorium at the hospital on Friday, April 21.

Corporal Nage talked about his experiences on New Georgia Island where he was wounded and gave credit to the Red Cross for the excellent work the Red Cross has been doing overseas.

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RED CROSS RECREATION HALL AT "OLD" HOSPITAL GETS A "FACE LIFTING"

Marked changes have been made in the Recreation Hall at the Old Hospital. The entire room has been redecorated and furnished with comfortable ranch-type furniture. Patients may spend the afternoon relaxing and reading, playing ping-pong, writing letters or enjoying a game at the ever-busy pool table. Our Gray Ladies assist with these games.

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Another innovation at the "Old" Hospital is the weekly showing of recent movies, a popular feature on the week's program which includes some type of entertainment every week night. These movies are also shown on Ward 35 for the patients there. Members of the Christ Episcopal Church have taken an interest in this ward and have provided a combination radio-phonograph, a record player, records and case. They are now planning to get black-out shades for use during the movies.

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The recreation worker's basket is a familiar sight to all of the bed patients of Ward 35, "Old Hospital." If you were to follow her through the ward you would probably meet these men. First of all, as you entered the room, there is a shout from

Gandy on the right, "Any magazines?" That's his perennial call, whether magazines are visible or not. He is calmed down with a sports magazine or *Ranch Romance*. Cassidy, the intellectual of the ward, after razing his neighbor about the *Ranch Romance* asks for his weekly *Time* and *Life*. Sometimes he sneaks a movie magazine on the sly, however. Smith, the next stop, isn't too interested in reading—but he always has an errand or two ready. Pictures for one of his fifteen sisters, a pair of shoes or a message for the case worker chaplain.

Hechman's an easy customer to please and we're not too sure whether he takes the first magazine out of politeness or interest. McFall, however, burrows through the entire basket wanting to make sure that he finds everything good before his pal, Barhilla, sees it. Zahawa, the quiet chap, is usually satisfied with a *Pic* or *Look* as are Shaper, Reed and Vaughan. Laughlin and Street grab for the *True Stories* as do Torrez and Byrd. Barhilla puts in his weekly order for the *Yank* while Kent waits excitedly to see how many comics he can slip under his pillow while the recreation worker's back is turned.

Out on the porch we find Dallas with a perpetual sweet tooth, so candy is the best way to make him happy. Rios, the April Fool prankster, keeps a sharp eye out for

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comics, too, while helping to interpret Hernandez's requests for errands. Whiteside, always writing letters and wanting to know when they can be mailed, has a weakness for movie magazines, too, and may pull three or four out of the basket with the naive promise that he'll be sure to pass 'em right on down the line.

On the other porch, the first sight to greet our eyes is Brandenburg working on his daily jigsaw puzzle. We stop a while to watch or help—perhaps to admire one completed and leave him a new one. Wysochi is using his mechanical drawing tools and pauses only long enough to take a **Popular Science** or some technical magazine from the basket. Walsh and Wagner are new patients but have already learned to delve into the basket and come up with some treasure such as a puzzle, mental teaser, game or deck of cards. Boselly was first a mystery for reading every thriller published then suddenly changing to Zane Gray, so his requests are met without much ado—at least on the worker's part! Bowhaus is a **Iwoyal Army Times** and **Blazon** fan and a Texan who says "two pair (of sox)" so that it sounds like tooth powder to the worker, enjoys the scrapbooks so is easily satisfied with the daily selection.

Since Barnes' request to "just bring me back a blonde" has never been met, he has to compromise on chatting with the worker, consulting her on the best type of shampoo or the sweetest smelling after-shave lotion! Ford, with always a cheery greeting, exchanges interesting letters from his brother, a pilot in England, for a **Reader's Digest**, **Blazon**, or anything else handy. The ward has now been covered; every man has been visited and had a chance to choose something especially for him from the basket... and the Red Cross worker has done a swell job of cheering up the men.

RED CROSS RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MAY 8-15

At the Red Cross Auditorium, "New" Hospital

- May 11—Thursday, 7. Party for Patients.
- May 12—Fri., 2:30 to 6:30 p. m. Movie.
- May 13—Sat., 7:30 p. m. Miss Matlock Variety Show.
- May 14—Sun., 2 p. m. Patricia Carr's Variety Show.
- May 15—Mon., 7:30 p. m., Mrs. Methany Variety Show.
- May 16—6:30 p. m.—Movie. "Meet the People," Lucille Ball.
- May 18—2:30 p. m.—Brook's Field Military Band. 7 p. m., Party.
- May 19—6:30 p. m.—Movie, "Jamboree," Ruth Terry.
- May 20—7:30 p.m.—Ft. Sam Houston Band

AT THE STATION HOSPITAL MAY 5-15

- May 15—7:30 p. m.—Our Lady of the Lake College Program.
- May 16—7:30 p. m.—Movie, "First Love."
- May 17—7:30 p. m.—Mr. Cameron's Spanish Show.
- May 18—2:30 p. m.—Brooks Field Military Band. 7:30 p. m., Miss Jaggi's Stage Show.
- May 19—E:30 p. m.—Mrs. Matheny Varie-ty Show.

PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWS

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Record holder for length of treatment is Pvt. Garcia, who spends the day in the gymnasium preparing for the Marathon bicycle race. Watch out for Charles Atlas Garcia!

Other records held:

1. Sgt. George Hilderbrand—Most Consistent attendance.
2. Pfc. Virgil Lichtenberg—Prize suntan from ultra violet.
3. Sgt. Walter Collins and Cpl. Jimmy Hanning—For snappy gags and fancy dance steps.
4. Sgt. Aime Vachon—Champion cross-word puzzle worker.
5. Lt. Evan James—Shiniest boots and spurs.
6. Lt. Keith Campbell—Greatest tolerance for electricity.
7. Pfc. Gerald Ildham—For getting the longest furlough.
8. Sgt. Doherty—The Irishman with the tallest stories.



"Come quick Witherspoon—HE has her cornered . . ."

MDETS SPORTS

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**Batting Averages of the School Team
Up to and Including Thursday, April 20**

—Player	AB.	H.	Ave.
1. Purdue	1	1	1.000
2. Sabgash	5	4	.600
3. Olson	11	6	.545
4. Vickers	7	3	.429
5. Carlton	5	2	.400
6. Earnhardt	5	2	.400
7. Levine	8	3	.375
8. Hase	14	5	.357
9. Fair	6	2	.333
10. Sutton	3	1	.333
11. Sralla	13	4	.308
12. Broadway	11	3	.273
13. Hauk	12	1	.083
14. Malaquti	1	0	.000
15. Areskoq	2	0	.000
16. Tooley	2	0	.000
18. Parker	7	0	.000
18. Bos	4	0	.000

Our softball team continues to be "dogged" by heart-breaking losses.

On the 25th of April our boys missed by a margin in dropping one extra inning game to Alamo Field 4-5 and on the same night the M. P. was too much for us by a single run score 2-3.

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"The men in this outfit accept their duties without question . . . !"

Doctor: "Wait a minute, you are too quick; I didn't tell you to say 'Ah.'"

Patient: "I know you didn't. I just caught a glimpse of your nurse."

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"Why are you looking so fed-up?"

"I bought a book called 'How to Make Love,' and now I don't know what to do."

"Why?"

"Well, it says you take the girl's hand, look into her eyes, and say, 'I love you, Beatrice.'"

"What's wrong with that?"

"My girl's name is Lizzie."

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Hard-boiled Captain: "Your name?"

Timid Private: "Jones, sir."

Captain: "Your age?"

Private: "Twenty-four, sir."

Captain: "Your rank?"

Private: "I know it, sir."

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The dairy farmer caught his city-bred helper offering a pail of milk to a cow.

"Hey, what are you doing there?" demanded the farmer. The C. B. H. replied: "Well, it looked so darn thin I thought I'd better run it through her again."

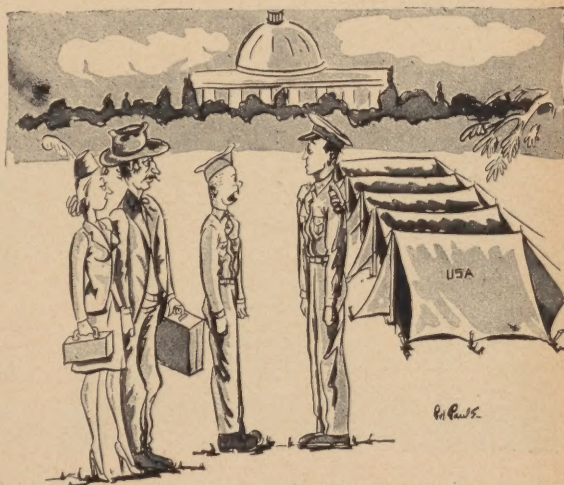
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Different GI soups may have different tastes, but they all sound the same.

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The private arrived late for reveille.

"Gee, I'm glad to see you!" greeted the sergeant. "I was afraid you'd signed a separate peace!"



"They want to know if we have anything with twin beds . . ."

CELEBRITIES VISIT AT BROOKE

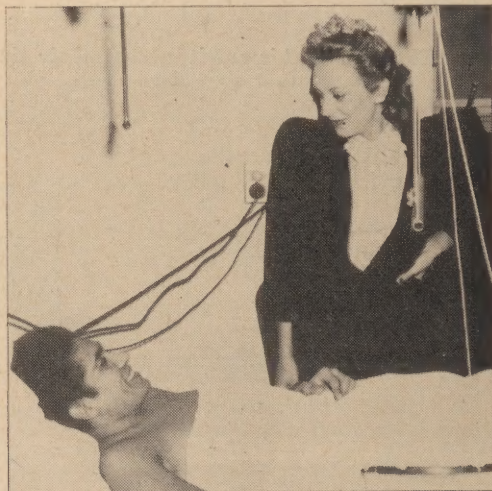
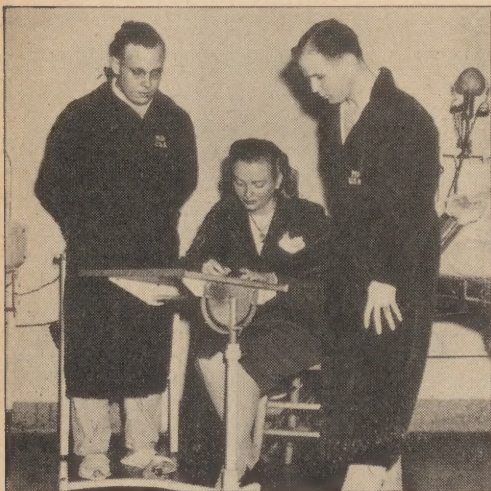
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MARTHA O'DRISCOLL, movie star, stops to talk with Private Lonnie Krause of Liberty Hills, Texas, in the Orthopedic Ward of Brooke General Hospital. (Below)



GALE SONDERGARRD, well known screen star, visited Brooke General Hospital with Martha O'Driscoll on 12 April. She is seen here talking with Sgt. Wayne V. Cobb of Waco, Texas. (Above)

JEAN BROOKS, movie star signing her autograph for Private Kenneth Ball of Springfield, Missouri, and Sgt. Clarence H. Middlebrooks of Fitzgerald, Georgia; both men are patients at Brooke General Hospital. (Below)



ANN DVORAK chatting with Pfc. Louis G. Cerdá, wearer of the Purple Heart, during her visit to Brooke on the 22 April. Pfc. Cerdá's home is Dallas, Texas. (Above)

The above stars appeared at Brooke General Hospital through arrangement with the USO CAMP SHOWS